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Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Anh D. Mai
Attorney Docket Number	MA-027

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 502302
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application
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Application No.: 09/776009

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Title: Wafer Surface that Facilitates Particle
Removal

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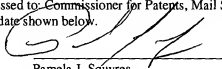
Applicants request continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. The claim
amendments and remarks included herein constitute the required submission.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 30, and 44 as in the following list of current claims.
Please cancel claims 6, 35, and 49. Please add new claims 57-62.

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